



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHRONIC DISEASE AWARENESS DAY

- WHEREAS: Hundreds of thousands of Americans suffer from preventable and costly chronic diseases and rare conditions every year, which cause 7 out of every 10 premature deaths in the nation. Roughly one in four Americans are affected by a chronic disease; and
- WHEREAS: Some of the deadliest chronic diseases, including cardiovascular issues, diabetes, some types of cancer and obesity, may also be preventable; and
- WHEREAS: Preventable chronic conditions account for more than 80 percent of our nation's healthcare spending; and
- WHEREAS: Chronic diseases may bring financial hardship, worry and emotional distress to both the patient and their loved ones. Public awareness and encouragement from others give hope and strength to those affected by chronic diseases; and
- WHEREAS: Widespread awareness, understanding of chronic disease prevention and personal accountability are critical to improving the quality of life for many Americans; and
- WHEREAS: Chronic Disease Awareness Day promotes the best practices of self-care in order to reduce individual risk; and
- WHEREAS: On Chronic Disease Awareness Day, organizations including Good Days, a nonprofit organization dedicated to assisting patients in overcoming challenges with access to care, will broaden efforts to increase awareness of initiatives and efforts to prevent chronic diseases; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim July 10, 2018, as CHRONIC DISEASE AWARENESS DAY in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 7th day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand eighteen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

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